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16th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET

This years 16th annual Blessing of the Fleet sponsored by the Waterfront Washington Association was preceded by a wonderful, colorful outdoor extravaganza. Six dance groups and the Cardoza High School Band were featured in a show of International Art in Motion. This was created and directed by Annette Miller of the Arena Stage.

One hundred and seventy nine boats registered for The Blessing and Parade of Boats. This represented fifteen area yacht clubs and marinas.

Four boats which are moored at the Gangplank Marina won prizes in the following categories:

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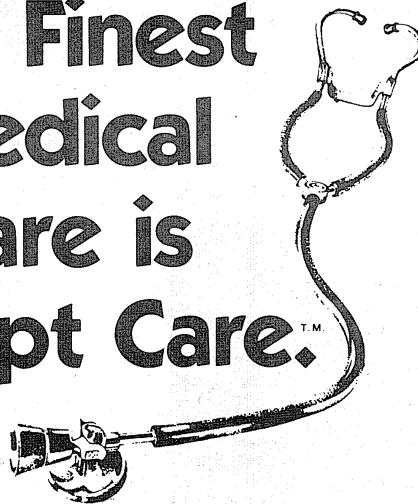
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE: HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GROW

The Youth Activities Task Force's Sunset Soiree at Harbour Square was a successful event. YATF member Barbara Hurlbutt reported that more than \$4,500 was raised for the summer jobs program, now in its ninth year of operation. Mistress of Ceremonies Thelma D. Jones played her role enthusiastically as she periodically reminded the audience about the YATF efforts and its theme for the program, which was "Helping Our Young People to Grow." The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Cobb, southwest resident, graciously provided the invocation.

The theme for the program provided an appropriate introduction for our honorees. YATF Chairperson Beryl Rice recognized D.C. School Board President R. David Hall and the three Southwest elementary principals, namely Pauline Hamlette, Amidon; Edward Wells, Bowen; and Mary Williams, Syphax for their outstanding efforts in helping Southwest youth to grow and develop. Chairperson paid a special tribute to Barbara Hurlbutt, a veteran member of the Task Force, for her "unstinting devotion to the youth of Southwest."

Other features of the program included a dramatic presentation by the Ebony Readers, under the direction of Gregory Bargeman, a multitiered person who is also an actor and Adult Services Librarian for the S.W. Library; and magnificent music by the renowned Nasar Abney Trio. Special guests at the soiree included newly-elected Ward II Councilmember Jack Evans, and representatives from the offices of Councilmember John Ray, D.C. School Board member Linda Cropp and the District Office of Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Chairperson Rice also introduced Clinton Anderson of the Southwest Community House. Beginning this year, the YATF has been working closely with the SWCH in achieving its goals.

Special thanks are extended to YATF members Walter and Charlotte Brooks for chairing the event; Ron Britt for his efforts in coordinating the delicious food which was donated by Safeway, Channel Inn, El Torito, Hogates, Jenny's Chinese Restaurant, Phillips Seafood Restaurant, and 700 Water Street. Also, thanks to Cap Liquors for providing the drinks, Dynamic Technology Systems (Alexandria, Virginia) for their continued promotional efforts of YATF's fundraising activities, Harbour Square for its continued support and the usage of its lovely clubroom, and to all of our many friends and supporters. Joseph Brooks photographed the occasion and assisted Ron Britt.

As budget constraints threaten the viability of the Mayor's program, the YATF is attempting to step up its efforts in providing meaningful summer jobs to every interested and eligible Southwest youth. Even though you may have missed the Sunset Soiree, your tax deductible contribution is still welcomed. Contributions should be payable to the Southwest Community Council, Inc. and mailed to the attention of Chairperson Beryl Rice, Youth Activities Task Force, P.O. Box 70463, Washington, D.C. 20024.



Barbara Hurlbutt receives award from YATF

Town Meeting, June 27th - C&P Telephone Rate Increase

Thursday, June 27, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly in conjunction with the Advisory Neighborhood Commission will hold a town meeting to discuss and allow residents of Southwest to voice their opinion on the proposed C&P telephone rate increase. If you have been paying attention to your telephone bill lately, you will notice that C&P Telephone Company is proposing new rate increases to begin in the near future.

Representatives from the office of the People's Council for the District of Columbia, newly elected Ward II Councilmember Jack Evans and representatives from C&P Telephone Company have been invited. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 27 at the St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. SW.

In other related SWNA/ANC news, an area voter registration drive will be held at Waterside Mall during the months of July and August.

ANC Looks at Mall Security and Parking Problems

Is parking or security a problem at Waterside Mall? If they are, what needs to be done, and who should do it? The issues have been discussed at the ANC's last two meetings.

Charles Bresler, president of the company that runs Waterside Mall, has written to the ANC. He says that his company is not responsible for security outside of the Safeway store.

Bresler also says that the current parking policy, which requires validation stickers during certain hours, has improved the parking situation. Some residents and Mall merchants have complained to the ANC about the procedures.

A representative from Colonial Parking has agreed to come to the ANC's July 8 meeting to discuss the problem further. A representative from Admiral Security has also been invited to come.

ANC 2D Wants the Mayor and Council to Focus on Public Housing

ANC 2D endorsed one of its previous proposals for improving public housing at its June meeting.

The proposal is for the DC Council to pass legislation requiring the Mayor to submit monthly reports on the government's progress in improving the management and physical conditions of public housing.

In addition, the legislation would have the Council hold monthly hearings on the Mayoral reports.

The idea behind the proposal is that both the Council and the Executive branch need to pay more attention to public housing than they have.

The plan was introduced by then Ward 2 Councilmember John Wilson in 1987, however, the Council decided not to act on it then in order to give newly appointed public housing director Alphonso Jackson time to make improvements.

According to the ANC, Jackson is gone but the problems remain.

ANC 2D Opposes AFDC Cuts

ANC 2D is joining the Emergency Committee to Save Public Assistance in opposing cuts in aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The DC Council recently passed emergency legislation that cuts AFDC benefits by 4.5% and knocks out annual cost of living increases. On July 9th, the Council will consider making the cuts permanent.

According to the emergency committee, these cuts would affect over 40,000 children in 21,000 families.

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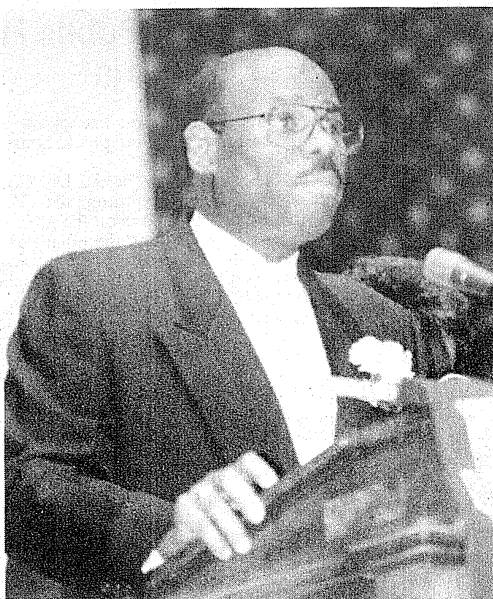
ANC 2D MEETING

7:30 pm
Monday
July 8, 1991
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PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST

THROUGH THE EYES



Ballou H.S. Richard Washington speaks a commencement

RICHARD WASHINGTON: IMPROVING THE IMAGE OF BALLOU HIGH SCHOOL

by Ramona Turner

In just two years, Ballou Senior High School Principal Richard Washington and his administration have succeeded in building a new positive image for the school.

Washington, Ballou principal since September 1989, says that his efforts have had a major impact on students, giving them a sense that someone cares about them and a good feeling about being at the school. He says he wants to challenge students and teachers to continue to improve the school and create leadership there.

Among the many programs initiated by Washington are the following: Sage, sponsored by Citicorp Bank, which gives parents and administrators an opportunity to examine improvements at the school; Project Record, a computer lab program; We Care, for teenage parents; and Live, for pregnant girls.

In addition, Ballou is the Mathematics Science Technology School of the District of Columbia. It has both a humanities program and a vocational education program called Arch, which helps students work toward an associates degree. Other programs are in the planning stages.

Principal Washington, a native of Washington, DC, has been a resident of Southwest for seven years. Before becoming Ballou principal, he was assistant principal at Langley Junior High School and Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, and a teacher.

His efforts to improve the school are based partly on his belief that the diplomas students receive should be meaningful to them. "I want them to become productive students and citizens," he said.

South Capitol Currents

The '92 Race Starts Hard Times Hit SW; Grand Prix Race?

The special election to fill John Wilson's unexpired Ward 2 seat was only a couple of months ago, but Ron Britt is already telling friends he's running for Council again Britt, who did well in SW and garnered the Washington Post's endorsement, blames his poor showing outside of SW on his late start and is determined not to repeat the mistake The general election, by the way, will be in November 1992. The primary is scheduled for September 1992, though the Council is threatening to change the date. Meanwhile some residents of the SE section of Ward 2 and ANC 2D (precinct 131) are steamed that the Council has agreed to move them into Ward 6 as part of the city's redistricting The real estate recession continues to hit SW developers. Interstate General Corp. which manages three Capitol Park hi-rises, reported that its 1990 profits were less than half 1989's Waterside Mall's Bresler & Reiner report net income for the first quarter of this year is down 58%. (Is that why they have tightened parking rules at the Mall?) And San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel company has put its plan for a hotel on the Portal site on hold until economic conditions improve, which doesn't do much for the economic conditions of the other Portal Site developers The owners of 800 4th Street SW have dropped the Oakwood management firm and the

name. The new name, not to be confused (!) with IGC's Capitol Park Towers, Capitol Park Twin Towers, or Capitol Park Plaza, is Capitol Park Apartments and Suites. . . Does SW need some excitement? How about a Gran Prix auto race along Maine Ave and then up 7th past DOT? That's the suggestion of Tony Tarsia a consultant to sports biggy IMG. And yes, he is serious. . . . Finally, more congratulations to the Young Astronaut clubs based at The Learning Tree and their mentors Maisha

Lynn Washington and Norman Williams for winning first in the national biosphere design contest; their winning entry has been on display in the ground floor of the District Building.

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SUMMER QUEST AT THE LIBRARY

Dig into books with SUMMER QUEST at the Southwest Branch Library's Children Room. The following is a partial listing of summer events at the library.

Films -

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Thursday, 10:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

School Age - Wednesday, 1:30 P.M.

Specials - Four Chimney Corner Stories
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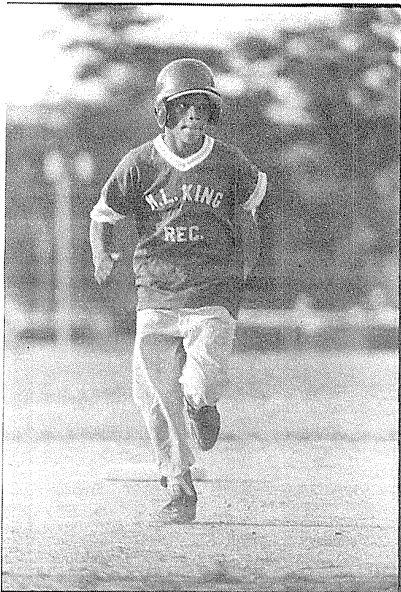
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Coast Guard Helicopter gears up.



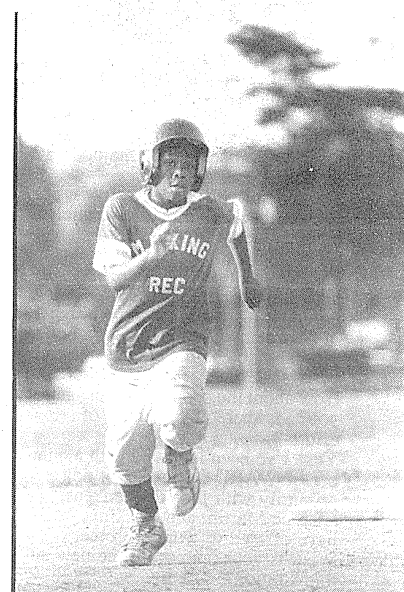
The sounds of Second Story during L'Enfant Plaza summer lunchtime concert series.



Keith Scott has sights set



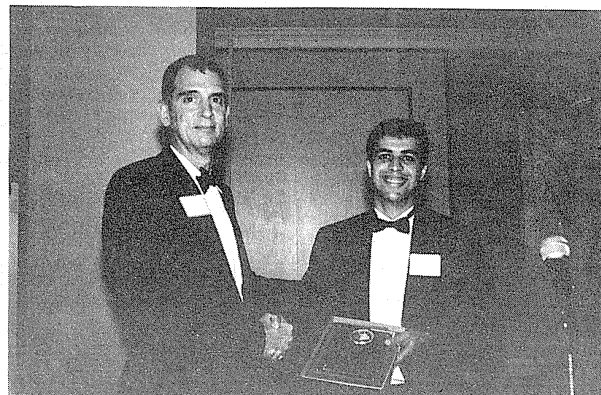
Simbi Water, shown in middle with cast of "For Colored Girls Only"



Henry Bennett heads home



Bavarian Dance Club of Washington perform during 1st annual WWA International Art in Motion.



SEU President Robert Higgins and SGA President Morad Abid know!

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COMMUNITY

SWSTER. MEETS COUNCILMAN JACK EVANS

by Jerry Blasenstein

On Tuesday, April 30, 1991, a special election was held to fill the D.C. City Council seat vacated by John Wilson. Mr. Wilson had assumed Chairmanship duties on the council. That post was vacated by Dave Clark when he went out for the Mayoralty run.

Voters had an array of candidates from which to choose, each having his/her own varied opinions of how they could represent WARD 2 on the council. After a close, hard fought campaign, the victor was Jack Evans, who has taken up residency in Room 101 of the District Building as the WARD 2 councilman.

After a month of settling in, he graciously discussed some questions about WARD 2 and the city in general, as well as Southwest/Southeast [ANC 2D] in particular, which are paraphrased below:

SW: Now that you've been here a month, what do you see as the major 'State of Ward2'?

JE: The overall issue for the city is, of course, the quality of life--crime, homelessness, aggressive panhandling--these concerns exist across all WARD boundaries. There is prostitution around the Logan Circle neighborhood, disruptive weekend nights in Georgetown requiring extra police presence, to name a couple of items.

SW: How about the people that ran against you? Is there any pooling of efforts?

JE: Yes. I've been involved with a number of WARD 2 issues working primarily with Dorothy Jenkins, Clarene Martin, and Jim Zais. All have offered to work with me.

SW: What is your opinion of the new administration?

JE: I've met with Mayor Dixon several times. My approach to fiscal

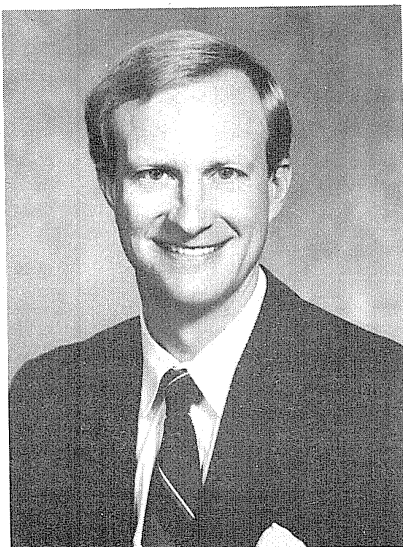
responsibility is very close to hers, and I feel she will be able to turn things around favorably. She is most effective.

SW: To what extent has John Wilson influenced you? You have quite a pair of shoes to fill!

JE: John has been very supportive. We've been close friends for years. I've consulted with him on many issues affecting WARD 2, which makes me more effective. John did a terrific job as councilman.

SW: What items of concern in ANC 2D [Southwest/Southeast] are you involved with?

JE: Some major concerns I have include: 1) increased foot patrols-I am working closely with 1D Metropolitan police; I believe the 'Orange Hat' program is terrific-it enables citizens to become involved directly in SW/SE affairs, and provides an adjunct to Metropolitan police



Ward II Councilmember Jack Evans

presence. 2) Waterfront-some parts of the waterfront are crumbling. I will be meeting soon with community representatives in order to get plans underway for renovation work. 3) Greenleaf Building (209 N ST, SW)- as you know, the senior building was renovated; however, the other building behind it remains as a drug haven, which needs to be closed down and renovated. 4) METRO's imminent opening has positive and negative implications-while commercial development will no doubt get a boost, as well as Waterside Mall, I'm concerned that the neighborhood remain diverse and intact. Since Arthur Capper/Carrollsborg communities will revert to WARD 6, I am in constant contact with Howard Brazil (WARD 6 councilman) to ensure security and economic development do not get compromised for these areas. 5) on June 24, I will be meeting with SW/SE community leaders to get a better feel for other local issues of concern.

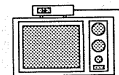
SW: Is there anything else you'd like to tell ANC 2D residents of WARD 2?

JE: Yes. I am very concerned about the needs of ANC 2D and will work actively with community leaders. Of particular note is the fact that John Wilson still lives in S.W., so you have the benefit of 2 councilmen. I have a community activist background, and before coming to the D.C. council, worked in this capacity. In this way, I feel I can effectively work with the D.C. Government, as well as establish a good working relationship with community leaders.

September, 1992 will be the next general election for D.C. City Council. Mr. Evans has no doubt that he will be in the running to continue his efforts to make WARD 2 a more viable community.

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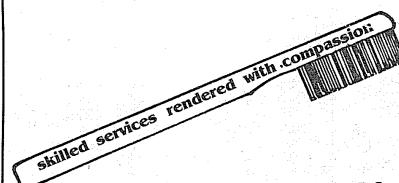
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like molasses, dripping, dropping
ripping and dropping from a spoon to
bowl on a hot summer day.

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hysterical, out of control, zig-zagged flashes
of humor and fear shrieking and screeching
creeping and shrieking like a screech owl
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happy, carefree, and full of life and
colorful like a child on a swing on a clear
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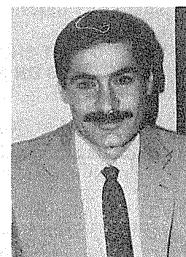
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The Youth Day and Promotion Day Services were held on Sunday, June 9, 1991 during the 11:00 A.M. Service. The speaker for this occasion was Rev. Clary Brown. Rev. Brown had a very inspiring message and his theme was taken from the popular New Edition tune, "Can You Stand the Rain". Rev. Brown brought out quite a few interesting points on the rain that we experience throughout our daily lives. Everybody loves a sunny day, but can you really stand the rain of teen-age pregnancy, drug abuse, teen pressures and choosing the right roads to take? He gave them a solution that can bring them through any turmoil that may come their way. The answer is God and you must carry God with you wherever you go.

The Recognition of graduates for all levels of education was very rewarding. The Benjamin H. Whiting Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Kendra Freeman who plans to attend the Prince George's College in the Fall. We are so very proud of all of our graduates and pray God's choice blessings upon them. We would like to give special recognition to our very own Rev. William Pinkney.

Rev. William Pinkney was educated in the D.C. Public School System. He grew up in the Friendship Baptist Church as a very energetic youngster. He received his BA Degree from Delaware State and his MA Degree from the University of Illinois. He has held various positions in the church such as the superintendent of the Sunday School and the 1st Assistant Chairman of the Deacon Board. He is a faithful attendant of the Sunrise Prayer Service and the Sunday School. He is the devoted husband of Eloise Pinkney and the loving father of David.

As a 1991 Graduate of the Washington Baptist Seminary, Rev. Pinkney has demonstrated tremendous courage, faith and fortitude in reaching perseverance enabled him to complete the graduation requirements with the rest of his class within the 4 year time frame. He is truly a role model and an inspiration to all of us.

Saint Augustine's Fruit Fundraiser

The first fundraiser for 1991 at St. Augustine's Church was a delicious fruit sale. It was most successful. Chairperson Al Massey and other parishioners had little difficulty in convincing people to buy the fresh fruit. After all, according to the authors of *Fit for Life*, "The reason almost everyone expresses a liking for fruit is that our bodies crave it *instinctively*." Using quotes similar to this one, the Fundraising Committee was able to report a profit of \$2,033.77. This effort resulted from the selling of 724 boxes of fruits (327 boxes of grapefruits and 397 boxes of oranges at \$10 and \$11, respectively).

St. Augustine's extends a heartfelt thank you to the community for helping to make their fundraising fruit sale a great success.

Heaven's Grocery Store.

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago,
One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's Grocery Store.
As I got a little closer the door came open wide,
And then I came to myself I was standing inside.

I saw a host of Angels they were standing everywhere
One handed me a basket and said, My child shop with care.
Everything a Christian needed was in that Grocery Store,
And all you couldn't carry you could come back the next date for more.

First I got some Patience, Love was in the same row,
Further down was Understanding, you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of Wisdom, a bag or two Faith,
I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost for it was all over the Place.

I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run this race,
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some Grace.
I didn't forget Salvation, for Salvation that was free.

So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and Me.
Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayers and I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

Peace and Joy were plentiful, they were on the last shelf,
Song and Praises were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then, I said to the Angel, how much do I owe?

He just smiled and said, Just take them everywhere you go.

Again I smiled at him and said, how much, now do I rally owe?

He smiled again and said "MY CHILD JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG TIME AGO."



Vivian Roundtree receives scholarship

SOUTHWEST RESIDENT RECEIVES ADULT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Vivian Roundtree of Fourth Street, Southwest, has received one of the first of five adult scholarships awarded jointly by The American University's Office of Continuing Studies and the District's Metropolitan Baptist Church. The recently-established scholarship program provides tuition assistance for deserving adults who are returning to school for their bachelor's degrees at The American University.

Roundtree, who is working toward a degree in communications, is an 18-year veteran of radio and television. She is experienced with talk radio and has worked both as a jazz and rock disk jockey. Currently, Roundtree fills in as a radio talk show host for WOL Radio. She has two daughters and is a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Roundtree is pursuing a bachelor's degree under The American University's Assessment of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) Program, which enables students to earn college credit for work and life experience.

The Metropolitan Baptist Church, founded in 1864, is one of D.C.'s largest churches, and administers a variety of community-oriented programs. According to Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., senior minister of Metropolitan Baptist Church, "Our church has historically been involved in higher education and community activities. This is but another demonstration of our commitment to those causes."

The Office of Continuing Studies of The American University serves the educational needs of adults through full or part-time study in the evening, off-campus and contract educational programs, as well as through certificate and non-credit seminar offerings.

To obtain further details on the Return-to-School Program or the information session, call The American University's Advisement Center at (202)885-2500.

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SATURDAY: 8:30 and 12:10 p.m.

Washington Parent Group Fund Receives Education Materials From COMSAT and Jefferson Junior High

The Educational outreach efforts of the Washington Parent Group Fund (WPGF) received a significant boost when D.C.'s Jefferson Junior High School and COMSAT Corporation jointly gave the organization a host of new educational materials for use by parents and teachers.

The WPGF is a unique partnership of parents, business leaders, corporations and school administrators concerned with educational opportunities for children in the D.C. public school system.

The WPGF recognizes the potential in linking the creative talents of parents with the supportive resources of the community and the school system and will use the donated materials in its work with materials widely as an enhancement to the curriculum taught in the city's classrooms.

Among the new resources materials given to WPGF are:

"The Future in Telecommunications" -- an eight-part video aimed at 7th through 12th graders that chronicles the rapid growth of telecommunications technology and its impact on lives. The video is introduced and narrated by 8th graders from Jefferson Junior High.

A classroom study guide for use in conjunction with "The Future in Telecommunications" video. The study guide was developed by science, math and humanities teachers at Jefferson Junior High.

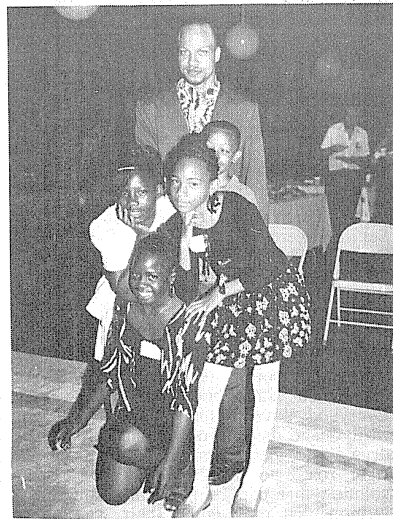
"The Satellite Factor," a teachers' resource kit, developed in association with the National Science Teachers Association. The kit uses a satellite communications as a focus for teaching math, science, social studies and language arts subject matter to middle school students.

"The Human Calculator," a video, featuring Scott Flansburg who is nationally known for his success in dispelling "math anxiety" among school kids and thereby building their self-confidence.

"We look forward to seeing that these materials are put to good use in the classroom," said WPGF's Executive Director Joy Majied. "And we appreciate all that Jefferson and COMSAT together are doing on behalf of the city's school children."

COMSAT and Jefferson Junior High have formed an educational alliance -- the only one of its kind in the District of Columbia -- to help Jefferson to become the first "School of Distinction" in math and science. The Jefferson/COMSAT Alliance, now completing its second school year, is based on a unique five-year strategic plan developed by corporate staff, school faculty, parents and community leadership.

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Ebony Readers during debut

Ebony Readers

The Ebony Readers is a D.C. youth drama group that focuses on the oral interpretation of African-American poetry. The group was started in November of 1990 by Greg Bargeman. He is an actor as well as drama instructor. The need to recognize African-American poetry was his main reason for creating the group.

After giving a performance on African-American poetry to the Community of Hope's After School Program which is located in northwest Washington, Greg decided to start the group. The group consists of seven D.C. youth between the ages of eight and twelve. Their names are Demetrius Bailey, Cherie Dillard, Erica Lipford, Lonzo Warren, Michelle Warren, Cinquetta Williams, and Tiffany Williams. Dorothy Adams and Ree Baskerville were influential in helping to organize the group.

The Ebony Readers' debut was at the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force fund raiser on May 30, 1991. Greg hopes to be able to start another group in Southwest.

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One of the most exciting ways that families can enrich their international understanding is to open their arms and share their lives with a young student from another country. Since last August, Nick from the Soviet Union, Eva from Norway, Jorge from Venezuela, Koji from Japan, Pietro from Italy, and Obi from Germany have all spent part of the year living with Washington families and attending local high schools. They have come from diverse parts of the world, but they now have in common a love of their host families which they will cherish always and an understanding that can come only from living in another culture.

Right now AFS Intercultural Programs is looking for families interested in opening their homes to host a foreign student. The student arrives in August and stays for eleven months. Each student is between 15 and 18 in age.

Openness and understanding are the only prerequisites. There is no description that fits the "perfect" family. Families may have children living at home or not. Parents may come individually or in pairs. Age is not factor.

A total of 2800 students will be coming to the United States from forty countries in Europe and Eastern Europe, Asia and Central and South America. All students are insured and carefully selected in their home countries. AFS has a professional staff locally to provide whatever guidance and back-up support host families and students may need.

Homes are needed for approximately thirty students in the Washington metropolitan area. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please call Hester Lewis, AFS-Washington, DC Representative at (202) 547-8931.

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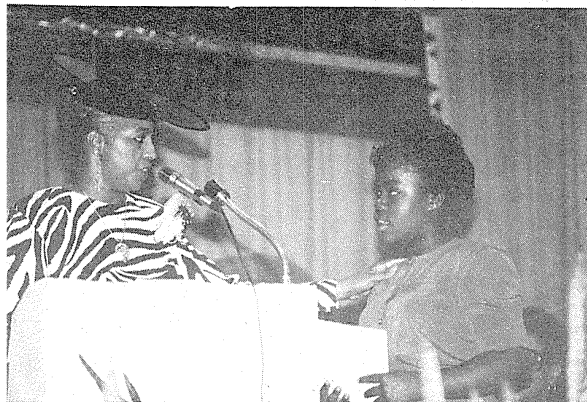
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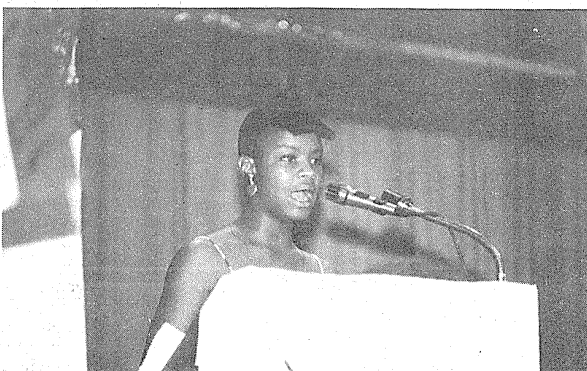
April James receives award from Dr. Van Buren



Gary Proctor receives Presidential Academic Fitness Award



L - R Principal Mary Williams, Walter Henry
and BOE representative Sherry Washington



Shicola Nickens welcomes audience to graduation

SYPHAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1991 GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Syphax E.S. honored its sixth grade class with a promotional and award ceremony this past June. Principal Mary J. Williams proudly boasted about this year's graduating class. The theme for the school's 1991 program was "Striving Toward Excellence In The Future."

Master of Ceremonies was Antoine Redmen and the guest speaker was Walter Henry, Asst. Superintendent of Division B Elementary Education department. Tonette Bryant gave the invocation, musical selections were provided by the Syphax Gospel Choir, and Lynda Braswell delivered her poem entitled "Be The Best Of Whatever You Are" during the program. Presentations of awards and certificates followed.

The closing of the program thrilled the audience as the entire sixth grade sang a special class song written by Music Director Timothy Walker.



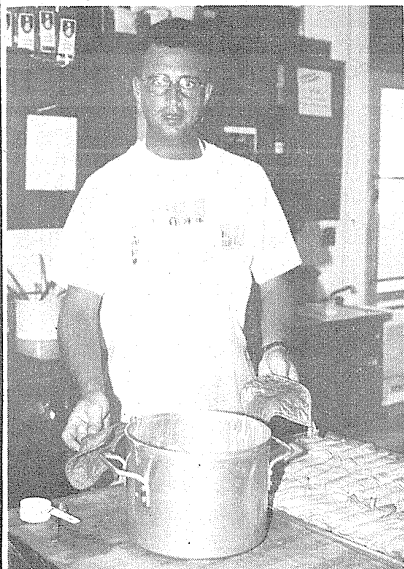
Syphax E.S. Choir performs at graduation

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David Smith serves the needy

FOOD & FRIENDS

by Virginia Devine

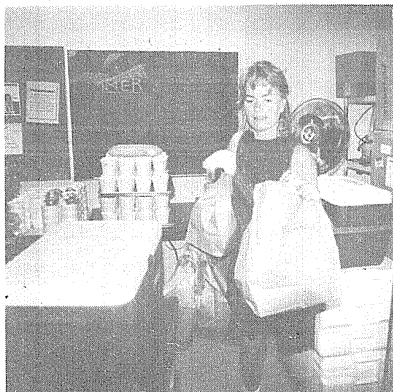
Broccoli and Cheese Soup
Chicken Cacciatore
Rice and Peas Cole Slaw
Melon Lemon Pecan Cake
Cinnamon Rolls Nutra Shake
Marvelous Market Bread

The menu almost sounds like that of an upscale restaurant in Dupont Circle or Adams Morgan. In fact, it is being prepared on a recent Wednesday in June in the basement kitchen of the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 4th and I Streets, S.W. Deliveries by volunteers and two staff members will be made around midday to 97 people with AIDS who are homebound and too ill to cook for themselves. Seventy percent have incomes of under \$1000 a month with many as low as \$300.

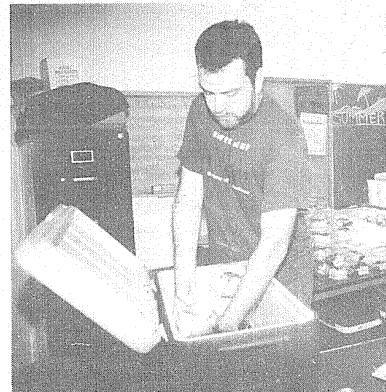
One of the most severe effects of the AIDS virus is "wasting-away syndrome" - slow starvation. According to a 1989 statement by Columbia University gastroenterologist Donald P. Kotler: "There is nothing worse than death by slow starvation, and yet, what we're doing in terms of AIDS patients is forcing them to die that way."

Food & Friends, a non-profit organization working out of two rooms in the church basement, is seeing to it that no one afflicted with the virus in the Washington area has to undergo the dreadful wasting-away ordeal. Five days a week they provide, at no charge, freshly cooked, nutritious meals; actually each delivery is ample enough for lunch, snacks, supper and a light breakfast.

It is really a spectacular feat that the staff of five and the roughly 200 volunteers perform every day.



Lisa Adams delivers for F & F



Mitchell Bond packs chest

Rev. Carla Gorrell is the Director. It was she who saw the great need for the program and found the rent-free location in Westminster Church where Food & Friends opened its doors in May, 1989. (The S.W. location is a key element in reaching all parts of the delivery area quickly.) Although Carla is, of course, in touch with every phase of the operation, her main concern is with fund raising. She makes sure that there are enough donations (it always turns out to be just enough) to keep Food & Friends going. "The number of clients goes up every week. Let me tell you," she says.

Mike Morris is the glue that holds the organization together. His title is Business Manager but that doesn't begin to describe the variety of jobs he handles. He helps to recruit and train volunteers. He keeps track of clients receiving special meals; 25% are on specific diets. And, most importantly, he stays in close touch with each client, knows when they have to be in the hospital, when family members are visiting (meaning no need for Food & Friends temporarily), and everything else necessary to get the correct meals to the right people. The logistics are staggering, especially since the list changes every day. His job needs efficient, constant attention.

Chef David Smith is some kind of a miracle. His day usually begins at 6 am when he starts cooking the main course. He is often joined around 7 by a volunteer or two. (One Smithsonian employee does kitchen work a day or so a week from 7 until she has to leave to start her job on the Mall at 9.) Later the pace picks up as more volunteers arrive until there are perhaps ten of them working around the big table in the center of the kitchen. They chop fruits and vegetables, ice cakes, pack individual portions, put together salads, help to clean up. Soon more volunteers and two part-time staff members, Mitchell Bond and Lisa Adams, arrive to pick up the meals which they will transport in thermal containers directly to people with AIDS or to five drop-off points in D.C., Silver Spring and nearby Virginia. From these points neighborhood volunteers (many helping during their lunch hours) pick up individual meals and deliver them where directed. (The logistics have been worked out by Mike.) In the meantime, Chef David is cooking, planning tomorrow's menu and consulting with a

volunteer dietician. To a visitor his task seems nearly impossible because he never knows exactly what ingredients he will have on a given day. Large donations of food arrive unexpectedly and he uses everything. Nothing is ever wasted. But it means that he cannot plan much in advance. Every day means improvisation. David handles it; the meals are always nutritious and look and taste good.

The staff and volunteers work so smoothly that a visitor is hardly aware of the crowded conditions. The kitchen isn't large and lacks some equipment. For instance, David could easily use more oven space. The smallish office has the usual desks and equipment (all donations) but taking up the center is the table where from 10:30 to noon every day Mike and volunteers pack up the meals ready to go with drivers as they come in. Not a usual office scene.

All of this is being accomplished on a very limited budget. Food & Friends does receive in-kind contributions (such as weekly deliveries of bread from Marvelous Market, chickens from Kolker Poultry, and a variety of meats from Murry's Steaks.) Funds are received from foundations, corporations, special events, annual campaigns (including Combined Federal Campaign), religious organizations and memorial funds. And, because of the Ryan White Care Bill passed last year by the Congress, Food & Friends will receive public funds for the first time. Nearly 20% of the income, though, is derived from individual donors. And still the total income barely meets the needs of the program in spite of stringent budgeting. The number of people with AIDS being served daily has risen from less than 20 in 1989 to 97 at present and keeps going up every week. And Food & Friends hopes to establish a drop-off point in Prince Georges County in the near future.

Cash contributions (tax deductible) are needed and can be sent to Food & Friends, P.O. Box 70601, Washington, D.C. 20024. Anyone contributing can be sure that his dollars are going directly to the cause. Administrative costs are at a minimum.

Volunteers are also needed for every facet of the operation but perhaps most urgently needed are drivers with cars and people with time on Thursdays or Fridays. Phone (202) 488-8278.